

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Limited Distribution

## INCREASE IN THE UNITED STATES DUTY ON DRIED FIGS

### Proposed Resolution

This subject was discussed at the seventh meeting of the Seventh Session, where it was agreed to leave the matter to bilateral discussions between the parties concerned, and again at the eleventh meeting where the CONTRACTING PARTIES agreed to extend by ninety days the period provided under Article XIX:3 (a) for the Turkish Government to notify the CONTRACTING PARTIES of any suspension of equivalent obligations or concessions.

The following Resolution has now been proposed by the countries concerned, Greece, Turkey and the United States:

TAKING NOTE of the United States Government announcement on 16 August 1952 that, pursuant to Article XIX of GATT, it had modified the concession on dried figs (paragraph 740 of the Tariff Act of 1930 of the United States) negotiated with Turkey and Torquay, increasing the United States duty on dried figs to 4.5 cents per pound;

TAKING NOTE that the United States Government notified the CONTRACTING PARTIES on 28 July 1952 of its willingness to consult on this matter;

TAKING NOTE that the United States Government has expressed its willingness to continue its consultations on this matter and that the consultations thus far have had the following results:

- a. The United States Government has reiterated to the consulting countries its intention to review the situation calling for its action and, in particular, the United States has undertaken to request the United States Tariff Commission to review the facts in the matter as early as possible and in any case in time for consideration of the results of such a review at the Eighth Session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES;
- b. The Government of Turkey has decided to apply to the trade of the United States, to be effective only for the period during which the United States continues the increased duty on dried figs, the following provisional modifications in the rates of duty, reflecting changes in the concessions initially negotiated with the United States at Torquay:

<u>Turkish Tariff Position</u>	<u>Description of Products</u>	<u>Rate of Duty (RT)</u>
537	Iron furniture and parts thereof:	
A	Desks, cupboards or cabinets, boxes and drawers, also parts thereof:	
1	Plain or painted ..... 100 K.G.	77.00
2	Gilt, enamelled or other (combined or not with other material) ..... 100 K.G.	
662	Typewriters, calculating, registering, counting, sorting and classifying machines, and parts thereof (including electric machines):	
B	Weighing 5 Kgs. and over ..... 100 K.N.L.	77.00
666	Machines for millers, kneading machines, machines for making and preparing pastes, macaroni, confectionery, sausages and other comestibles, ice-making machines, sterilizers, pasteurizers, refrigerating machines, machines for washing and filling bottles, cranes, roasting machines, milling machines, clothes washing and ironing machines and other machines n.e.m. (mounted or not):	
A	The whole weighing up to 50 Kgs.:	
ex:	Ice-chests, ice-making machines and refrige- rating machines ..... 100 K.N.	38.50
B	The whole weighing from 50 Kgs. up to 150 Kgs.:	
ex	Ice-chests, ice-making machines and refrigerating machines ..... 100 K.N.	30.80
C	The whole weighing from 150 Kgs. up to 500 Kgs.:	
ex	Ice-chests, ice-making machines and refrigerating machines ..... 100 K.N.	25.67
D	The whole weighing from 500 Kgs. up to 2000 Kgs.:	
ex	Ice-chests, ice-making machines and refrigerating machines ..... 100 K.N.	23.10
H	The whole weighing from 2000 Kgs. up to 10,000 Kgs.:	
ex	Ice-chests, ice-making machines and refrigerating machines ..... 100 K.N.	20.53
V	The whole weighing 10,000 Kgs. or more:	
ex	Ice-chests, ice-making machines and refrigerating machines ..... 100 K.N.	17.97

- c. The United States and Greece have initiated, and will continue without delay, a study of the trade of the United States with Greece to determine whether there are sufficient items on which provisional concessions might be made by the United States and which the Government of Greece might consider as appropriate and compensatory; and

TAKING NOTE that the Government of Turkey, considering that the only satisfactory solution of the matter is the restoration of the concession rate granted at Torquay on dried figs, reserves the right to ask the CONTRACTING PARTIES, in case the review by the Government of the United States should not lead to a return to the Torquay concession rate on dried figs, to consider whether the original action of the United States in this matter is consistent with the provisions of Article XIX,

The CONTRACTING PARTIES

DECIDE not to disapprove the modifications proposed to be made by the Government of Turkey,

DECIDE to extend for Greece and for any other country having a substantial interest in the modification by the United States in the concession on dried figs until the opening of the Eighth Session the time-period provided in paragraph 3 (a), Article XIX, the time for Turkey having been extended until 25 February 1953, by decision of the CONTRACTING PARTIES on 31 October 1952,

AFFIRM the conviction that the most satisfactory solution of the matter is a restoration by the United States of the concession on dried figs negotiated at Torquay, and

REQUEST the United States and the consulting countries to report at the Eighth Session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES as to further action taken in the matter.